

**CITY OF MISHAWAKA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
June 4, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission was held Tuesday, June 4, 2019, in Room 205 at City Hall, 600 E. Third St., Mishawaka, IN 46544

Chairman Doug Merritt called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Commission members present: Mike Bultinck, Terry DeMaegd, Dave Eisen, Doug Merritt, Jennifer Johns, Nancy Seidler, Faye Sullivan, and Kate Voelker.

Advisory members present: Matthew Crawford, Alan Grzeskowiak, Shirley McAlister, Tom Morris, and Jason Stoller.

Staff: Christa Hill.

Guests: Caity Stockstell (School City), Ruth Pavich, Mary Beth Torma, and Rachel Fredenburg (Normain Heights), Bryan Tanner (City Council), and Dave Straughn.

A motion for the approval of the May 8, 2019 minutes was made by Mike Bultinck; seconded by Terry DeMaegd.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Caity Stockstell (school City) presents Google Expedition

Google Expedition is an app, anyone can download. First, she explained the difference between Virtual Tours, which takes you somewhere else, and Augmented Reality, which brings something into the room that shouldn't be there. An example of AR was demonstrated when a dinosaur appeared on the table.

The project they are working on with the City is to bring a Virtual Tour of the former Uniroyal plant to the parks and the Ironworks Plaza plans, so one could see past, present and future in the parks.

The Commissioners offered suggestions on where to find additional information; Sandborn maps, Virtual Architect software, historical aerials from the Heritage Center, Notre Dame Architecture Department, Dosmann postcard collection, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Normain Heights Conservation Expiration Date 5/1/2020

The voting window is from 11/2/19 to 3/2/20. We can't sit inside the polling place because of electioneering laws. On the day the voting window opens, Staff will send a letter explaining why the Conservation District was formed and why it is important for it to remain (and not turn into a full historic district). Each letter will include a ballot with return postage. We will hold a meeting at the school to collect the ballots, have new ones on hand. This will coincide with the dedication of the Historical Marker in front of the fire station.

OLD BUSINESS

Edgewater Drive Historic District Committee

Doug Merritt attended the block party. There were approximately 40 people in attendance. Two vocal opponents. One needed a BZA variance to put of a fence and doesn't want another layer. People want to know "what's in it for me?" Create mission statement. The committee will decide on the next meeting.

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Bethel College

Upon a motion by Kate Voelker, seconded by Nancy Seidler, a Bethel sub committee was formed to include: Alan Grzeskowiak, Jason Stoller, Faye Sullivan, Kate Voelker, and Doug Merritt.

Members of the sub committee met with Bethel and want to add signage to identify 4-5 buildings. The administration building, gym/fieldhouse, 2 dorms, and the barn building. We will continue to work with them to design the signage and where it will be placed.

Heritage Festival (August 10 – Merrifield Park)

Alan Grzeskowiak got a prize package from Strikes and Spares. He will send them a thank you note on letterhead. Still want to look for prizes from community. Put something in the Communicator for July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Historic Districts/Plaques

B. Public Relations & Community Education

Mike Bultinck mentioned the Steele Stadium landmark is still being worked on.

C. Staff Notes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

- Kate Voelker just saw a 10 year plan for School City that includes rerouting traffic around the High School.
- Doug Merritt was disappointed with the cleanliness of the Merrifield Pool at a recent regional meet and people were coming from all over.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.



Doug Merritt, Chairman



Christa Hill, Secretary